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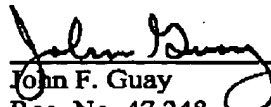
REMARKS

Upon review of the Amendment filed on April 5, 2006, Applicant noted that amendments to claims 1 and 3-6 similar to those suggested by Examiner El-Hady during the March 1, 2006, personal interview, would also improve their readability and provide explicit basis for terms recited elsewhere in the claims. Thus, claims 1 and 3-6 are amended in a manner similar to the amendments to claims 8 and 9 in the April 5, 2006, Amendment. Also, new claims 12-16 are added to recite features of the present invention to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 1-6 and 8-16 currently are pending.

In view of the amendments set forth above and the arguments submitted in the Amendment of April 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,


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